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UPLAND GAME BIRDS & FALCONRY

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1991 HUNTING REGULATIONS
STATE OF MONTANA

General Regulations

Licenses—The following licenses are available at all Fish, Wildlife and Parks offices and most license agents throughout the state. The license is valid March 1 through February of the following year.

	Res.	Nonres.
Conservation (required prerequisite*)	$2.00	$ 2.00
Upland Game Bird (required prerequisite for turkey*)	$6.00	$53.00
Fall Season Turkey	$3.00	$13.00

*The resident Sportsman's License and the nonresident Big Game Combination License and the nonresident Deer Combination License, include both a conservation and bird license.

Nonresident landowner Sponsored Deer Combination License holders may hunt upland game birds only on the land owned by the landowner sponsor. This does not include leased or public land.

Montana residents 12-14 years of age, 62 and older or holders of a Disabled Resident Conservation License need only a conservation license to hunt all upland game birds, except turkey. Persons under 12 years of age may not hunt upland game birds.

Avoid Violations of the Law—It is illegal to shoot any game bird on, from, or across any public highway, or the shoulder, berm, or borrow-pit, or right-of-way of any public highway, and/or motor driven conveyance.

Checking Stations—All Sportsmen are required to stop as directed at all designated check stations on their way to and from hunting and fishing areas, even if they have no game or fish to be checked.

Hunter Education—Both resident and nonresident youths 12-17 years of age must provide a Certificate of Competency in the safe handling of firearms before they may purchase a hunting license. **Archery hunters** 12-17 years of age are required, in addition to firearm safety certification, to provide a Certificate of Competency in the safe handling of bow hunting tackle from the National Bowhunter Education Program.

Indian Reservations—Sportsmen hunting upland game birds on Indian reservations should check Indian reservation regulations because season dates, bag limits, licensing requirements, shooting hours, legal species and shot shell requirements may differ from state regulations.

Landowner Permission—Sportsmen are reminded that landowner permission is required to hunt on posted land. You are encouraged to "Ask First" to hunt on land not posted.

National Wildlife Refuges—More restrictive regulations may apply to national wildlife refuges open to public hunting. For additional information on Federal regulations, contact Special Agent-in-Charge, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 25486, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225. Telephone: 303-234-4612.

Possession Limits—Sharp-tailed grouse, sage grouse, partridge, mountain grouse, and pheasant possession limits are **FOUR** times the daily bag for each species.

Shooting Hours—Authorized shooting hours for the taking of upland game birds begin one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset each day of the hunting season. See official sunrise-sunset tables in these regulations.

Steel Shot—Sportsmen are reminded that steel shot is NOT required for the hunting of upland game birds. It is required for the hunting of waterfowl (excluding snipe and mourning doves) or coots.

Wanton Waste—It is illegal to waste any part of any game animal, game bird, or game fish suitable for food. Following are game bird parts "suitable for food":

All birds that fall into the size category of the partridge or smaller, only the breasts must be retained.

All birds larger than a partridge up to the size category of, and including, pheasants and sage grouse, the breasts and the thighs must be retained.

All turkeys, the breasts, thighs and wings must be retained.

SAGE & SHARP-TAILED GROUSE

AREA 1

That part of Montana lying within the following described boundary: Beginning at the junction of the Continental Divide and the Montana-Idaho border at Lost Trail Pass (on Montana Highway 43) then northeasterly along the Continental Divide to the headwaters of Lyons Creek in T15N-R6W, then southeasterly down the north fork and main Lyons Creek and Little Prickly Pear Creek to the Missouri River, then up river to Beaver Creek, then easterly up Beaver Creek to the Meagher County line, then northerly, easterly and southerly along the Meagher County line to the Wheatland County line, then easterly and southerly along the north and east boundary of Wheatland County to the Sweetgrass County line, then easterly along the north boundary and southerly along the east boundary of Sweetgrass County to the Park County line, then easterly and southerly along the Park County line to the Wyoming border, then westerly and northerly along the Montana-Wyoming and Montana-Idaho borders to the point of beginning.

AREA 2

That part of Montana lying east and north of the following boundary: Beginning at the Continental Divide and the U.S.-Canadian border, then south along the Divide to the headwaters of Lyons Creek in T15N-R6W, then down the north fork and main Lyons Creek and Little Prickly Pear Creek, to the Missouri River, then up river to Beaver Creek, then easterly up Beaver Creek to the Meagher County line, then northerly, easterly and southerly along the Meagher County line to the Wheatland County line, then easterly and southerly along the north and east boundary of Wheatland County to the Sweetgrass County line, then easterly along the north boundary and southerly along the east boundary of Sweetgrass County to the Park County line then easterly and southerly along the east boundary of Park County to the Montana-Wyoming border, then east, north and west along the Montana-Wyoming, Montana-South Dakota, Montana-North Dakota and Montana-Canadian borders to the Continental Divide, the point of beginning.

CLOSED AREA

That part of Montana lying west of the Continental Divide.

SAGE GROUSE

AREA 1 September 1-November 3

Bag Limits: 3 daily. Possession limit is four times the daily bag limit.

AREA 2 September 1-December 15

Bag Limits: 4 daily. Possession limit is four times the daily bag limit.

Means of Taking: Sage grouse may be taken in Areas 1 and 2 with a shotgun not larger than a ten gauge or long, recurve or compound bow and arrow. All other means of taking are prohibited.

MIGRATORY BIRDS

General Regulations

Means of Taking—Migratory birds may be taken only with long bow and arrow or shotgun not larger than ten gauge incapable of holding more than three shells fired from the shoulder. May not be taken from or by means, or aid of, or use of a sinkbox, aircraft, motor vehicle, or motor-driven conveyance of any kind, except a motorboat when the motor has been shut off and the boat has stopped. Use of any electronic or phonographic waterfowl-calling device is illegal, as are live decoys.

Possession of Live Birds—Wounded birds reduced to possession shall be immediately killed and included in the daily bag limit.

Restrictions—No person shall take migratory birds by driving, rallying, or chasing birds with any motorized conveyance or any sail boat to put them in range of the hunter; by the aid of baiting (placing feed such as corn, wheat, salt, or other feed to constitute a lure or enticement). Hunters should be aware that a baited area is considered to be baited 10 days after the removal of the bait, and it is not necessary fo the hunter to know an area is baited to be in violation.

Shipment—No person shall ship migratory game birds unless the package is marked on the outside with: (a) the name and address of the person sending the birds, (b) the name and address of the person to whom the birds are being sent, and (c) the number of birds, by species, contained in the package.

Tagging—No person shall give, put or leave any migratory birds at any place or in the custody of another person unless the birds are tagged by the hunter with the following information: 1) The hunter's signature. 2) The hunter's address. 3) The total number of birds involved, by species. 4) The dates such birds were killed. Tagging is required if the birds are being transported by another person for the hunter, or if the birds have been left for cleaning, storage (including temporary storage), shipment, or taxidermy services.

MOURNING DOVES—Subject to Federal approval in mid-August

STATEWIDE September 1-October 16

Bag Limits: 15 daily and 30 in possession.

Shooting Hours: Authorized shooting hours begin one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day of the hunting season.

Means of Taking: Doves may be taken with a shotgun not larger than a ten gauge capable of holding not more than three shells, or long, recurve or compound bow and arrow. All other means of taking are prohibited.

It is illegal to hunt by the use of baiting. It is illegal to shoot doves resting on utility lines or fixtures adjacent to those lines.

A Federal Migratory Bird Stamp is not required. A complete synopsis of regulations pertaining to migratory game birds are available from any Fish, Wildlife & Parks regional office or the Helena office (available in mid-September).

COMMON (WILSON'S) SNIPE—Subject to Federal approval in mid-August

Pacific Flyway September 1-December 2
Central Flyway September 28-December 29

Bag Limits: 8 daily and 16 in possession.

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CLOSED AREAS

State Game Preserves, closures, and National Parks shall remain closed to hunting of upland game birds. For hunting privileges on Indian Reservations and Federal Wildlife Refuges, inquire at the local Indian Agency or Refuge office.

Flathead County: Closed to upland game bird hunting. Beginning where the west access road to the Flathead Lake Waterfowl Production Area enters said area in the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter, Section 24, T27N, R21W, approximately one-half (1/2) mile east of the town of Somers, then east-northeast along fence marking U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service property as posted to the west property line of the Dedman ownership in the west half of Section 20, T27N, R20W, then south along said line fence as posted to the north shore of Flathead Lake, then south and westerly approximately one and three-quarters (1 3/4) miles as posted to a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ownership sign in the north half of the north half of Section 25, T27N, R32W, then northerly along west property line of said Waterfowl Production Area to the point of beginning.

Freezout Lake Wildlife Management Area (Teton County): Open to upland game bird hunting until the opening of the waterfowl season, then it will be closed to all hunting in the following described portion of the Wildlife Management Area: SW1/4, Section 19, Sections 29 and 30, T22N, R3W, W1/2 Section 12, W1/2 of E1/2 Section 12, and that portion of Sections 13 and 24 within the posted boundary of the Freezout Lake Wildlife Management Area, T22N, R4W. The area closed will reopen for upland game bird hunting as indicated in the 1991 Montana Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations.

Helena Valley Regulating Reservoir (Lewis and Clark County): Open to upland game bird hunting until the opening of the waterfowl season, then it will be closed to all hunting. The Bureau of Reclamation Regulating Reservoir is located in Section 8, T10N, R2W in the Helena Valley, as posted.

FALCONRY SEASON

STATEWIDE

Upland Game Birds (except turkey) — September 1-March 31, 1992

Bag Limits: 2 daily in aggregate and 6 in possession.

Falconry Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

Mourning Doves — September 1-October 16

Bag Limits: 2 daily and 6 in possession.

Falconry Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Means of Taking: All areas open to hunting of upland game birds and/or migratory game birds by firearms shall be open to either-sex hunting of that species by falconry.

SHARP-TAILED GROUSE

AREA 1 September 1-November 3

Bag Limits: 3 daily. Possession limit is four times the daily bag limit.

AREA 2 September 1-December 15

Bag Limits: 4 daily. Possession limit is four times the daily bag limit.

Means of Taking: Sharp-tailed grouse may be taken in Areas 1 and 2 with a shotgun not larger than a ten gauge or long, recurve or compound bow and arrow. All other means of taking are prohibited.

MOUNTAIN GROUSE

STATEWIDE September 1-December 8

Bag Limits:
West of Continental Divide: 5 in aggregate daily. Possession limit is four times the daily bag limit.

East of Continental Divide: 5 in aggregate daily. Possession limit is four times the daily bag limit.

Means of Taking: Blue, Ruffed and Franklin's Grouse may be taken with a shotgun not larger than a ten gauge or long, recurve or compound bow and arrow, rifle or handgun. All other means of taking are prohibited.

Note: Mountain Grouse do not occur in many areas of eastern Montana.

PARTRIDGE (See closures below)

West of Continental Divide September 1-December 8

East of Continental Divide September 1-December 15
Except portion of Carbon County
September 1-January 12, 1992.

Bag Limits: 8 in aggregate daily. Possession limit is four times the daily bag limit.

Means of Taking: Hungarian and Chukar Partridge may be taken with a shotgun not larger than a ten gauge or long, recurve or compound bow and arrow. All other means of taking are prohibited.

Closure: All areas West of the Continental Divide are closed to hunting of Chukar Partridge.

Portion of Carbon County: September 1-January 12, 1992

A portion of Carbon County within the following described boundary: Beginning at the junction of Route 72 and the Wyoming-Montana state line, then northerly along said route to Bridger, then northerly along Hwy. 310 to Edgar, then east on the Edgar-Pryor Road to the Crow Indian Reservation boundary, then southerly and easterly along said boundary to the west shore of Big Horn Lake, then southerly along said shore to the Wyoming-Montana state line, then west along the said state line to its junction with Route 72, the point of beginning.

RING-NECKED PHEASANT

West of Continental Divide October 12-December 8

East of Continental Divide October 12-December 15

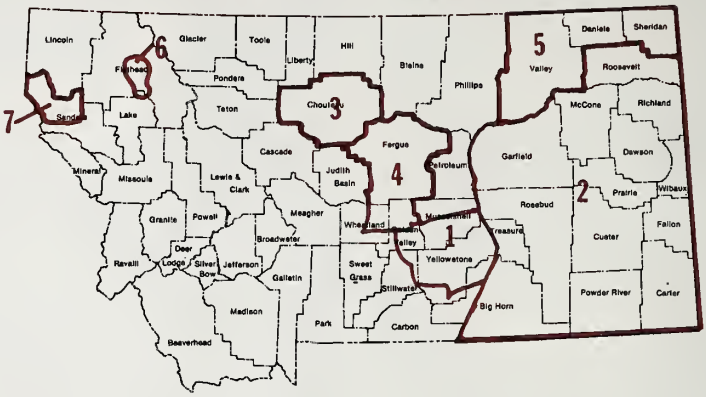
Bag Limits: 3 cock pheasants daily. Possession limit is four times the daily bag limit.

Means of Taking: Pheasants may be taken with a shotgun not larger than a ten gauge or long, recurve or compound bow and arrow. All other means of taking are prohibited.

Transporting Pheasants: No person shall transport within the state any pheasant unless one leg remains naturally attached to each bird at all times while being transported from the place where taken until they have arrived at the personal residence of the sportsman or commercial locker, ranch or permanent camp.

The State of Montana and Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes have entered into a cooperative management agreement on the Flathead Reservation. Please check for upland game bird regulations specific to the Flathead Reservation. For information call FWP at 752-5501 or the Tribes at 675-2700.

MERRIAM'S WILD TURKEY — FALL SEASON



Bag Limit: One wild turkey, except Area 2, where sportsmen may purchase two (2) fall wild turkey licenses. Sportsmen must hold a valid "FALL" season turkey license.

Tagging: Immediately after harvesting your wild turkey, cut out the proper month and day from the license (if more than one date is cut, the license is invalid) and affix to the leg of the wild turkey.

Means of Taking: Wild turkey may be taken with a shotgun not larger than a ten gauge, long, recurve or compound bow and arrow, rifle or handgun.

AREA 1 — September 7-October 26 — **ARCHERY ONLY**
October 27-December 1

Portions of Big Horn, Golden Valley, Musselshell, Stillwater and Yellowstone Counties lying within the following described boundary: Beginning at Billings, then northeast on State Route 302 to Molt, then north and west on the Molt-Rapelje Road to Rapelje, then north on the Rapelje-Ryegate Road to U.S. Highway 12 at Ryegate, then easterly along said highway to Emory Road which is 1/2 mile east of the junction of Highway 12 and State Route 3 near Lavina, then north 9.6 miles on Emory Road to Horsethief Road, then east 1.9 miles on Horsethief Road to Musselshell County line, then north and east along said county line to the Musselshell River, then south along the Musselshell River to Highway 12, then west along Highway 12 to the Melstone-Custer Road then south and southeasterly along the Melstone-Custer road to the Yellowstone River Bridge at Custer, then easterly down the Yellowstone River to the Bighorn River, then south up the Bighorn River to the Crow Indian Reservation boundary, then westerly along said boundary to the Old Hardin Road approximately 6 miles southeast of Billings, then northeasterly along said road to Billings, the point of beginning.

AREA 2 — September 1-December 1

Carter, Custer, Dawson, Fallon, Garfield, McCone, Powder River, Prairie, Richland, Roosevelt, Rosebud, Treasure, and Wibaux counties in their entirety **AND** those portions of Musselshell and Yellowstone counties bounded on the west by the Melstone-Custer Road between Melstone and the Yellowstone River Bridge at Custer, and bounded on the south by the Yellowstone River from the Yellowstone River Bridge at Custer down river to the Bighorn River, **AND** those portions of Bighorn County lying east of the Bighorn River. Note: On the Crow and Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservations, the 1991 Fall Wild Turkey Season applies only to those lands which are owned in Fee by non-members of the Tribes.

AREA 3 — October 27-December 1

Hunting by Permit Only.

Choteau County in its entirety.

A total of 20 special fall turkey either-sex permits will be issued for this area.

Applicants must submit in writing their name, address, 1991 conservation license number, and a $2 nonrefundable drawing fee to the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, 4600 Giant Springs Road, Great Falls, MT 59405. Applications must be postmarked by August 31, 1991, to be eligible for the drawing. Successful applicants will be notified by mail and will be required to purchase a valid fall season turkey license before hunting.

AREA 4 October 27-December 1

Fergus County in its entirety. The following area is an extension of the Fergus County south boundary:

Portions of Golden Valley and Wheatland counties lying within the following described boundary: Beginning at Judith Gap then south along Highway 191 to its junction with Highway 12, then east along Highway 12 to Emory Road which is 1/2 mile east of the junction of Highway 12 and State Route 3 near Lavina, then north 9.6 miles on Emory Road to Horsethief Road, then east 1.9 miles on Horsethief Road to the Musselshell/Golden Valley County line, then north along said line to the Fergus County line, then west and south along said line to its junction with Highway 191, 1 mile north of Judith Gap, then south to Judith Gap the point of beginning.

AREA 5 October 27-December 1

Hunting by Permit Only.

Daniels, Sheridan and Valley Counties in their entirety.

A total of 50 special fall turkey either-sex permits will be issued for this area. Applicants must submit in writing their name, address, telephone number, 1991 conservation license number, and a $2 nonrefundable drawing fee to the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Rural Route 1-4210, Glasgow, MT 59230. Applications must be postmarked by August 31, 1991, to be eligible for the drawing. Successful applicants will be notified by mail and will be required to purchase a valid fall season turkey license before hunting.

AREA 6 October 27-December 1

Hunting by Permit Only—Shotgun/Archery Only.

Flathead Valley: That portion of Flathead and Lake Counties lying within the following described boundary: Beginning at the junction of U.S. Highway 2 and Montana Secondary 206 in Columbia Heights, then easterly along Highway 2 to the South Fork of the Flathead River, then up the South Fork to Frank Creek, then up Frank Creek to Forest Trail 51, then up said trail to Doris Mountain on the Swan Divide, then southerly along said divide to Forest Trail 10 in Sec. 36, T26N, R18W, then southwesterly along said trail to Forest Road 9508, the Six Mile Road, then southerly on said road to State Route 83, then southerly on said route to Forest Road 10229, the Porcupine Creek Road, then westerly and southerly on said road to south boundary of T26N, the 6th Standard Parallel North, then west along said township line to the Flathead Indian Reservation Boundary, then north and west along said boundary to the east shore of Flathead Lake, then north and west along the shore of Flathead Lake to the Somers Fishing Access Site and U.S. Highway 93, then northerly along said highway to Montana Route 40, then easterly along said route to U.S. Highway 2, then easterly along said highway to the junction of Montana Secondary 206, the point of beginning.

A total of 300 special fall turkey either-sex permits will be issued for this area. Applicants must submit in writing their name, address, 1991 conservation license number, and a $2 nonrefundable drawing fee to the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, 490 North Meridian Road, Kalispell, MT 59901. Applications must be postmarked by August 31, 1991, to be eligible for the drawing. Successful applicants will be notified by mail and will be required to purchase a valid fall season turkey license before hunting.

AREA 7 October 27-December 1

Hunting by Permit Only—Shotgun/Archery Only.

West Clark Fork: That portion of Sanders County lying within the following described boundary: Beginning where the Sanders-Mineral County line meets the Idaho border, then easterly along said county line to Greenwood Hill, then northerly along the divide to Penrose Peak, Cherry Peak and Eddy Mountain, then northwesterly down ridge to Clark Fork River and mouth of Thompson River, then northeasterly up the Thompson River to the West Fork of the Thompson River, then up the West Fork to Four Lakes Creek, then westerly up said creek to the North Fork of Four Lakes Creek, then northwesterly up the North Fork to Forest Road 7671 and Trail 437, then westerly up said trail to Trail 450, then northerly on said trail to Mt. Headley, then northerly along the divide between Graves Creek and West Fork of Fishtrap Creek to the Vermillion River Divide, then northerly along the Vermillion-Thompson River Divide to the Sanders-Lincoln County line, then westerly along said county line to the Idaho border, then south and southeasterly along said border to the Sanders-Mineral County line, the point of beginning.

A total of 50 special fall turkey either-sex permits will be issued for this area. Applicants must submit in writing their name, address, 1991 conservation license, and a $2 nonrefundable drawing fee to the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, 490 North Meridian Road, Kalispell, MT 59901. Applications must be postmarked by August 31, 1991, to be eligible for the drawing. Successful applicants will be notified by mail and will be required to purchase a valid fall season turkey license before hunting.

Sunrise-Sunset Tables For Determining Hunting Hours

The following tables show actual sunrise and sunset hours (including adjustments for daylight savings time).

	Zone 1		Zone 2		Zone 3		Zone 4	
September	**Rise**	**Set**	**Rise**	**Set**	**Rise**	**Set**	**Rise**	**Set**
1- 5	6:57	8:17	6:50	8:04	6:37	7:49	6:27	7:46
6-10	7:04	8:06	6:56	7:54	6:43	7:40	6:34	7:36
11-15	7:11	7:56	7:03	7:44	6:49	7:30	6:40	7:25
16-20	7:18	7:46	7:09	7:34	6:56	7:20	6:47	7:15
21-25	7:25	7:35	7:16	7:24	7:02	7:11	6:54	7:05
26-30	7:32	7:25	7:22	7:14	7:08	7:01	7:01	6:54
October								
1- 5	7:39	7:14	7:29	7:04	7:14	6:51	7:08	6:44
6-10	7:46	7:04	7:36	6:55	7:21	6:42	7:17	6:32
11-15	7:54	6:54	7:42	8:45	7:28	6:33	7:23	6:24
16-20	8:01	6:45	7:49	6:36	7:34	6:24	7:30	6:14
21-25	8:09	6:35	7:56	6:28	7:41	6:15	7:38	6:05
26-27	8:13	6:30	8:02	6:21	7:47	6:09	7:44	5:56
28-31	7:18	5:25	7:05	5:18	6:50	5:06	6:47	4:53
November								
1- 5	7:26	5:17	7:12	5:10	6:57	4:58	6:55	4:45
6-10	7:34	5:09	7:20	5:03	7:04	4:52	7:03	4:37
11-15	7:41	5:02	7:27	4:57	7:11	4:46	7:10	4:31
16-20	7:49	4:56	7:34	4:52	7:18	4:40	7:18	4:25
21-25	7:56	4:51	7:41	4:47	7:24	4:36	7:25	4:20
26-30	8:03	4:47	7:48	4:44	7:31	4:33	7:32	4:17
December								
1- 5	8:09	4:44	7:54	4:42	7:37	4:31	7:38	4:14
6-10	8:15	4:43	7:59	4:41	7:42	4:30	7:44	4:13
11-15	8:20	4:43	8:04	4:41	7:47	4:30	7:49	4:13
16-20	8:23	4:44	8:08	4:42	7:50	4:31	7:52	4:14
21-25	8:26	4:46	8:10	4:44	7:53	4:33	7:55	4:16
26-31	8:28	4:50	8:12	4:47	7:55	4:37	7:57	4:20
January								
1- 5	8:28	4:56	8:12	4:53	7:56	4:42	7:57	4:25
6-10	8:27	5:00	8:11	4:58	7:55	4:47	7:56	4:31
11-15	8:24	5:06	8:09	5:05	7:53	4:53	7:54	4:37
16-20	8:21	5:13	8:06	5:11	7:50	5:00	7:50	4:44
21-25	8:16	5:21	8:02	5:18	7:46	5:07	7:45	4:52
26-31	8:11	5:28	7:57	5:26	7:41	5:14	7:40	5:00

Zone 1—Flathead, Granite, Lake, Lincoln, Mineral, Missoula, Ravalli and Sanders Counties.

Zone 2—Beaverhead, Broadwater, Cascade, Chouteau, Deer Lodge, Gallatin, Glacier, Hill, Jefferson, Lewis & Clark, Liberty, Madison, Meagher, Park, Pondera, Powell, Silver Bow, Teton and Toole Counties.

Zone 3—Blaine, Bighorn, Carbon, Fergus, Golden Valley, Judith Basin, Musselshell, Petroleum, Phillips, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Wheatland and Yellowstone Counties

Zone 4—Carter, Custer, Daniels, Dawson, Fallon, Garfield, McCone, Powder River, Prairie, Rosebud, Richland, Roosevelt, Sheridan, Treasure, Wibaux and Valley Counties.

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By order of the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission, the seasons, limits and regulations listed herein shall govern the 1991 Upland Game Bird hunting seasons. The upland game bird regulations are valid March 1, 1991, through February 29, 1992. The falconry regulations are valid March 1, 1991, through March 31, 1992. These regulations were adopted by the Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission on March 7, 1991. Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission: K. L. Cool, Secretary.

Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks